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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Title: GROUP FORMATION/MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, GROUP  
MANAGEMENT DEVICE, AND MEMBER DEVICE

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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9. [ ] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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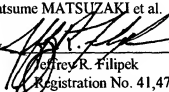
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